

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT 2016 COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN AND BUDGET OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION

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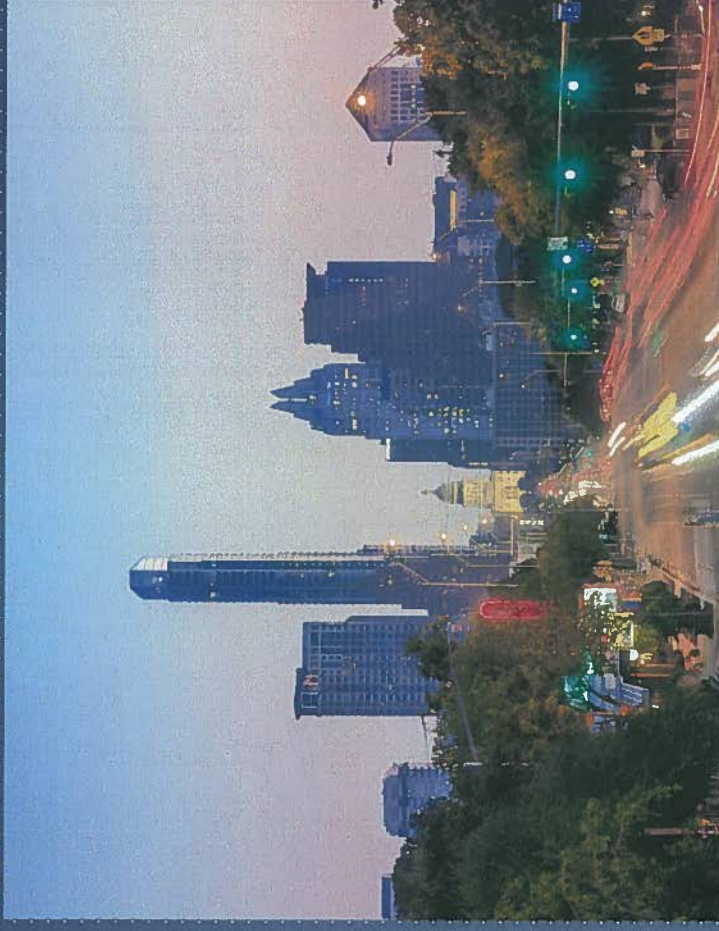


COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN COMPONENTS

1. Needs Assessment
2. Linkages and Funding Coordination, Gaps in Services, and Initiatives
3. Service Delivery System
4. Case Management System
5. Plan for Transitioning Persons Out of Poverty
6. Performance Statement and Targets
7. Strategic Plan

TOP FIVE NEEDS

1. Employment
2. Housing Services
3. Education
4. Basic Needs
5. Health



LINKAGES AND FUNDING COORDINATION

- Link clients and coordinate of funding with other service providers
- ↑ Provision of Nutritious Foods
- ↑ Initiatives (Goal of strengthening families and encouraging effective parenting)
- ↑ Gaps in Services
- ↑ Referral Organizations
- ↑ Funding Coordination
- ↑ Social Service Coalitions

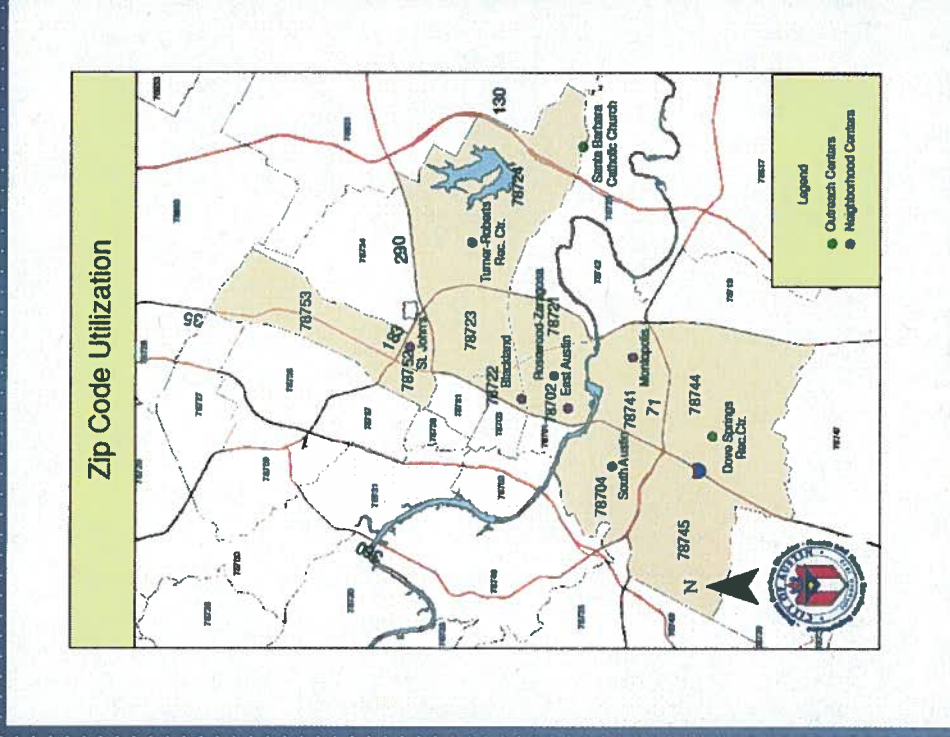
SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM – NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS/FIELD OFFICES

Neighborhood Centers

- Blackland
- East Austin
- Montopolis
- Rosewood Zaragosa
- St. John
- South Austin

Field Offices

- Turner-Roberts Recreation Center
- Dove Springs Recreation Center
- Santa Barbara Catholic Church

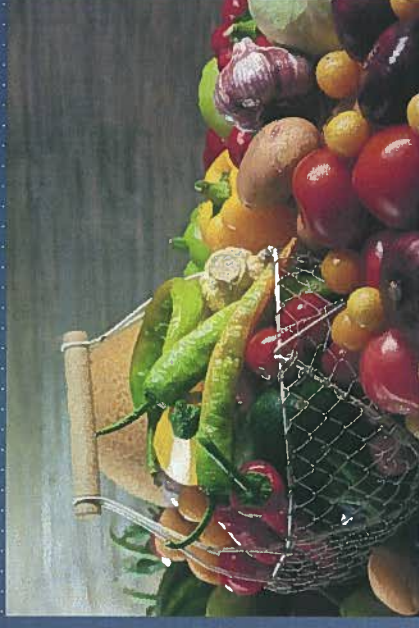


ACCESS TO SERVICES & ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ **Call-in or Walk-in Basis for Intake**
- ▶ **Income** - 125% of the FPIG for CSBG funded direct services only
- ▶ **Residency** - Travis County resident or have initiated efforts to establish permanent residency in Travis County
- ▶ **Age** – must be 18 yrs of age or an emancipated minor
- ▶ **Proof of Income** for last 30 days, or completion of a Declaration of Income Statement

SERVICES PROVIDED— BASIC NEEDS

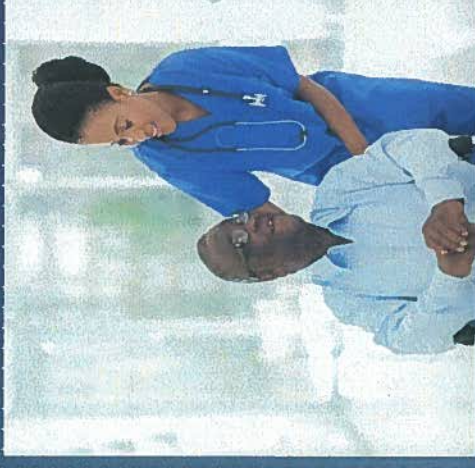
- ❖ Food (Pantry, Fresh Foods for Families, Healthy Options Program for the Elderly, Mobile Food Pantry)
- ❖ Bus Passes
- ❖ Clothing
- ❖ Car Seat Education/Distribution
- ❖ Notary Services
- ❖ Fans
- ❖ Tax Preparation
- ❖ Benefits Application Assistance
- ❖ Information and Referral
- ❖ Seasonal Activities – Christmas applications, holiday food baskets
- ❖ Other onsite resources – computer labs, GED classes, WIC, Shots for Tots, Big Shots



Services provided by community workers and social workers. TDHCA does not require specific performance targets on these services as most are considered emergency assistance.

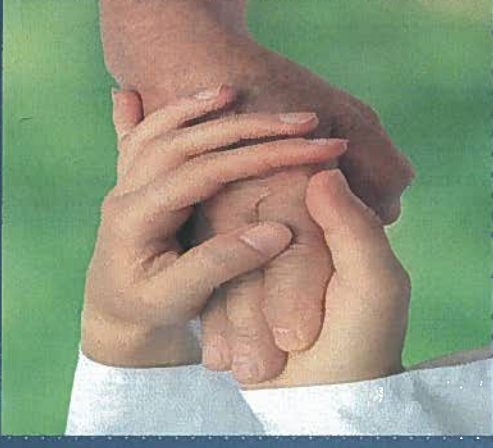
SERVICES PROVIDED – PUBLIC HEALTH

- ❖ Screenings (blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol)
- ❖ Pregnancy testing (adult, teens)
- ❖ Health education presentations (hypertension, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, nutrition and obesity)
- ❖ Immunizations/flu clinics (children and adults)
- ❖ Coordination and participation in health fairs
- ❖ Coordination of wellness activities (walk groups, exercise classes)
- ❖ Information and referral to medical, health and social service providers
- ❖ Through collaborations –mammograms, nutrition classes



Services provided by registered nurses. We set performance targets on several of these services related to CSBG measures on Child and Family Development.

SERVICES PROVIDED – CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



- ❖ Self sufficiency case management – assistance to clients to help them achieve and maintain incomes above 125% of the FPIL for at least 90 days.
- ❖ Assessment and Service Plan
- ❖ Employment support – Job search assistance, job readiness training, job retention services
- ❖ Linkage to educational opportunities, other social services
- ❖ Rent and utility assistance, transportation and employment support assistance
- ❖ Individual/family support counseling
- ❖ Budgeting and financial counseling
- ❖ Crisis intervention

Services provided by licensed social workers and job counselor.

PLAN TO TRANSITION PEOPLE OUT OF POVERTY

- TDHCA sets goal each year based on target for the state and each Subrecipient's funding allocation.
- We set targets on several National Performance Indicators each year related to our plan to transition persons out of poverty.
- For 2016, the City of Austin's goal is 45 persons to transition out of poverty.
- Dedicated staff
- Partnership with Workforce Solutions
- Direct Financial Assistance for employment support (e.g., transportation, rent and utility assistance)



PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

1. Employment
2. Employment Support
3. Economic Asset Enhancement and Utilization
4. Community Engagement, Enhancement, Empowerment
5. Community Wide Partnerships
6. Agency Development
7. Independent Living
8. Emergency Assistance
9. Child and Family Development
10. Family Supports

2016 PROPOSED CSBG BUDGET

- Based on level funding from 2015
- Primary funding source for the services provided through the Neighborhood Centers
- 2015 Contract Extension

PERSONNEL

- ▶ Same level of staffing for most positions
- ▶ Retirements and New Staff
- ▶ General Fund budget changes

CONTRACTUALS

- ▶ Shah NewGen – Client Database
- ▶ Social Work Consultation – Continuing Education
- ▶ Rent and Utility Assistance Subcontract – Easter Seals of Central Texas

OTHER

- ▶ TSS/TOP – Rent and Utility Assistance subcontract = 8.5% of the budget
- ▶ Bus Passes – Transit Empowerment Fund
- ▶ Gift Cards – Employment Support – for gas, work clothes/boots, tools
- ▶ Car Seat Storage – Partnership with SafeKids

